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SUBJECT: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 5 ON UN
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

1. DEPARTMENT CONCERNED UNV AND INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT
FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES (ISVS) MAY BE ON COLLISION COURSE
OVER AREAS OF JURISDICTION WITH EACH TRYING TO INVOLVE
ITSELF IN THE OTHERS BUSINESS. UNV IS MOVING TOWARD AID
TO NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ISVS MOVING IN DIRECTION OF MULTI-
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAMS (MVTs). WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL
A CLEAR DELINEATION BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN AREAS OF WORK OF
THE TWO PROGRAMS.

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. US DELEGATION INSTRUCTED TO AMEND
POSITION PAPER UNEC D-509/72 TO INCLUDE: " US DELEGATION
SHOULD POINT OUT IT CONSIDERS THAT UNV MANDATE EXCLUSIVELY
PROVIDES FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND NOT FOR
ASSISTANCE TO DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS. THEREFORE THE
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US DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL IN PARA 24 OF DP/ L278 THAT UNV EXPLORE WAYS TO ASSIST DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS. IF THERE IS A MOVE TO CHANGE THE UNV MANDATE AS CONTAINED IN GA RESOLUTION 2659- XXV, THE DELEGATION SHOULD STATE THE UNDP GC DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO SO. THE USG OPPOSES, IN PRINCIPLE, ISVS EXPANSION OF MULTINATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAMS (MVTs) WHICH IT BELIEVES OVERLAP WITH UNV JURISDICTION.

2. JUST COMPLETED 14 TH ISVS COUNCIL PASSED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY US: " THE COUNCIL, CONSIDERING THE APPROACHING MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF UNDP, DECIDES THAT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUEST THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO URGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE FOR UNV PROJECTS BY UNDP AND COMPONENT UN AGENCIES; AND URGES COUNCIL MEMBERS TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR UNV PROJECTS AS MAY BE REQUESTED." IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS, US DELEGATION SHOULD AMEND UNEC D-509/72 TO INCLUDE: " US DELEGATION SHOULD EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA THAT THE UNDP RES REPS AND THEIR STAFFS ASSIST THE UNV AND RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP SUITABLE PROJECTS FOR UN VOLUNTEERS AND, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, TO ASSIST ALSO IN TRAINING UNVS. THE DELEGATION AT ITS DISCRETION MAY ADD THAT THE USG THROUGH PEACE CORPS IS WILLING TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO THESE ENDEAVORS."

3. US DELEGATION SHOULD ALSO AMEND UNEC D-509/72 TO INCLUDE: " US DELEGATION SHOULD PROPOSE TO GOVERNING COUNCIL THAT UNV SECRETARIAT BE MOVED FROM GENEVA TO NEW YORK WHERE IT CAN WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH UNDP. IN US VIEW, MOVE BY FACILITATING A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNDP AND UNV ' WOULD INCREASE CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL EXPANSION OF UNV ." END UNCLASSIFIED

4. PEACE CORPS CONCURS. RUSH

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